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September 23, 1974

Mr. Nicholas Kotikov  
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Dear Mr. Kotikov:

Reference is made to your communication of September 12th.

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Sincerely yours,

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